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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
TSUMORU MATSUURA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 8064
Application No.: 09/437,499 : Group Art Unit: 2626
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH RCE

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Sir:

Prior to examination the following Preliminary Amendment and remarks are submitted concurrently with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.